1	2	3	4
Maharashtra	947	870	740
Orissa	758	832	737
Punjab	2411	2677	2847
Rajasthan	579	499	553
Tamil Nadu	1273	1325	1263
Uttar Pradesh	1170	1425	1521
West Bengal	2314	1581	1909
ALL INDIA:	1068	1034	1042

Research Bank by ICAR for Grains

†308. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has set up a Research Bank, in collaboration with the International Genetic organisation, to save the species of grains becoming extinct and to maintain their reharvesting;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the farmers have not been involved in such kind of researches;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government would adopt any policy for providing such information to the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE I NTHE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has set up a genebank to conserve the agriculture related plant genetic resources. The first storage module was installed in 1984 and the new genebank was commissioned in 1996 which was set up under the Plant Genetic Resources Project of the Indo-United State Agency for International Development. The genebank is being used to conserve agriculture related plant genetic resources in cultivation or under threat.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) The research on genetic resources conservation involves collection of material from various sources, its evaluation and storage in genebank etc. Farmers have been the primary providers of material comprising elite landraces, rare varieties etc. that have been conserved in the genebank. Indian farmers have access to these materials.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) The information is already available in National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources reports and crop catalogues which are freely available and widely circulated.

Krishi Shiksha Vistar Yojana in Chhattisgarh

†309. SHRI RAMDHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chhattisgarh Government has forwarded a proposal to the Centre, demanding a sum of Rs. 151.5 crore for Krishi Shiksha Vistar Yojana; and

(b) if so, the details of action taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir. No such proposal has been received.

(b) Question does not arise.

Development of aquatic animals in M.P.

†310. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have granted administrative approval for implementation of continual sanctioned scheme for development of aquatic animals for the year 2001-2002 to Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, by when Centre's share of Rs. 151.826 lakhs would be released, as per the demand of the State?

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